

**This comment is in regard to Mr. Peter M. Beauregard's petition to remove the administration of Examination Element 1 (Morse Code) from the requirements for someone seeking a Technician class license.**

**I currently hold an Amateur Extra Class license from the F.C.C. callsign K9DI. I can support Mr. Beauregard's suggestion to remove the requirement of passing element 1 for someone seeking (or holding) a Technician class license to have access to the current Novice/Technician HF privileges. However, I cannot agree with the changes in the those privileges that Mr. Beauregard suggests.**

**I feel very strongly that element 1 be retained for the two higher class licenses offered by the F.C.C. (General and Amateur Extra). Morse Code is not a "filter" or a "Gate-keeper", but does teach those that pass element 1 the self-discipline to learn a new skill.**

**Sincerely and Respectfully Yours**

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